

## CHAPTER 1 APPLICATION OF THE PRACTICE MANUAL

1. This practice manual sets out the practice in the South Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.
2. As such it seeks to inform how the courts in this high court function. It also seeks to obtain uniformity amongst judges in respect of practice rulings. It must be emphasised that no judge is bound by practice directives. Accordingly, the practice manual is not intended to bind judicial discretion. Nonetheless, it should be noted, that the judges of this high court strive for uniformity in the functioning of the courts and their practice rulings. The practice manual thus sets out what can be anticipated occurring, in the normal course of events, on any issue dealt with in the practice manual.
3. This manual supersedes all previous practice directives and will come into effect on 01 February 2010, the first day of the first term of 2010.
4. Amendments to the practice manual can only be made by the Deputy Judge President after consultation with the other judges of the South Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg.
5. Reference in this manual to the rules, is a reference to the Uniform Rules of Court in Government Notice R48 of 12 January 1965 as amended and the Transvaal Rules.
6. Reference in this manual to “counsel” includes an advocate and an attorney who appears in court or before a judge in chambers to represent a litigant. Reference in this manual to “legal representative” means a litigant’s attorney of record and includes a party appearing in person.